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SUBJECT: CONSORTIUM MEMBERS AND NIOC DISCUSS BUDGET

1. IN RELAXED TWO-HOUR MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, CONSORTIUM MEMBERS TEAM AND NIOC DISCUSSED HIGH POINTS OF 1976 TO 1980 CAPITAL BUDGET. PROGRAM CALLS FOR EXPENDITURES OF SOME 8.1 BILLION DOLLARS. FIRM BUDGET FOR 176 TOTALS SOME 1.767 BILLION DOLLARS. (THIS IS TOTAL VALUE OF PROJECTS TO BE INITIATED IN 1976, SOME OF WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1977 OR 1978.) ACTUAL EXPENDITURES PROGRAMMED FOR 1976 TOTAL 2.1 BILLION DOLLARS.

2. MEMBERS ARE SKEPTICAL THAT OIL SERVICE COMPANY (OSCO) WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THIS PROGRAM ON SCHEDULE. IN 1975, FOR EXAMPLE, ACTUAL EXPENDITURES APPARENTLY WILL TOTAL ONLY SOME \$700 MILLION COMPARED TO PLANNED EXPENDITURES FOR THIS YEAR OF WELL OVER (800 MILLION TRANSPORTATION PORT, AND MANPOWER PROBLEMS HAVE RENDERED OSCO UNABLE TO SPEND AT PLANNED RATE. MEMBERS' IMPRESSION IS THAT

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NIOC IS FULLY AWARE OF PROBLEMS AND WILL UNDERSTAND

SOME SLIPPAGE IN PROGRAM. SEVERAL NIOC OFFICIALS
MENTIONED TO EMBOFF AT SOCIAL FUNCTION EVENING OF
SEPTEMBER 6 THAT MEETING TOOK PLACE IN VERY BUSINESS-
LIKE AND RELAXED ATMOSPHERE.
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